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SUBJECT: MINISTER KAMIL'S OBSERVATIONS ABOUT DJIBOUTI'S  
FOREIGN RELATIONS

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1. DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON JULY 8, DJIBOUTI  
MINISTER ABDALLAH KAMIL AND HIS COLLEAGUE, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
REPRESENTATIVE ABDULKADER WABERI ASKAR, DISCUSSED DJIBOUTI  
AND HORN DEVELOPMENTS WITH AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD  
MOOSE AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES SEELYE AND BOLEN.

2. ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA: DJIBOUTI'S GOVERNMENT HAS

CONVINCED ITS NEIGHBORS OF ITS DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THE REPUBLIC'S INDEPENDENCE. IT HAS GIVEN THE EPMG A WRITTEN GUARANTEE TO STAND BY THE EXISTING FRENCH TREATY WITH ETHIOPIA GOVERNING THE RAILROAD UNTIL A NEW ONE CAN BE NEGOTIATED. KAMIL SAID THAT DESPITE PRESENT RELATIONSHIPS, THE THREAT TO DJIBOUTI COULD NOT BE DISREGARDED. WERE ETHIOPIA TO ACT, THE EPMG WOULD MOST LIKELY ATTEMPT AN INVASION. SOMALIA WOULD MOST LIKELY RELY ON SUBVERSION OF THE DJIBOUTI POPULACE TO PROMOTE UNION WITH MOGADISCIO. CONCERNING THE SOMALI CLAIMS, ASKAR NOTED THAT SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD MAINTAINED THAT DJIBOUTI AND SOMALIA WERE LINKED BY AN HISTORIC ETHNIC TIE, BUT SO, ASKAR REMARKED WERE THE 21 ARAB STATES AND THE SEPARATE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA.

3. RELATIONS WITH FRANCE: DJIBOUTIANS PLACE THEIR SHORT-TERM HOPES AT LEAST IN CONTINUED FRENCH BENEVOLENCE, BUT ARE CONCERNED THAT GOF WILL LEAVE FLEDGLING STATE TO ITS OWN DEVICES SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. KAMIL PARTICULARLY DESIRES THAT FRENCH CONTINUE TO SUPERVISE DJIBOUTI'S MONETARY SYSTEM. HE EMPHASIZED REPUBLIC WAS DETERMINED TO HOLD TO BALANCED BUDGET AND NOT RESORT TO PRINTING PRESS, THUS MAINTAINING THE SOUND REPUTATION OF THE DJIBOUTI FRANC, NOW BACKED BY DOLS. 21 MILLION IN THE FRANCO-AMERICAN CORPORATION IN NEW YORK. ROD EVEN WILLING TO YIELD SOME OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY SO THAT FRENCH

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CONTROL OF MONETARY SYSTEM WOULD BE CLEAR TO ALL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS DJIBOUTI'S OWN GOOD REPUTATION FIRMLY ESTABLISHED. FRENCH HAVE AGREED TO EXERCISE SOME SUPERVISION FOR A LIMITED TIME (IT WAS NOT CLEAR HOW THOROUGH THE SUPERVISION OR FOR HOW LONG), BUT HE HOPED USG WOULD ENCOURAGE GOF TO CONTINUE PAST MONETARY ROLE.

4. RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA: KAMIL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ROD HAD HOPES OF SIGNIFICANT SAUDI ECONOMIC SUPPORT, BUT SAID THAT NOTHING FIRM HAD BEEN CONCLUDED. ROD PREPARED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO SAUDI ARABIA, BUT SO FAR THEY HAVE BEEN PUT OFF BY THE SAUDI EMBASSY WITH VARIOUS EXCUSES. VANCE

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